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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the time for responding to the final Office Action mailed July 3, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application be extended for three (3) months pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). With this extension, the deadline for response is reset to expire on January 3, 2004.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted concurrently herewith together with a Reply to Final Office Action.

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The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for the three-month extension of time at the large entity rate is \$950.00. A check in the amount of \$1,720.00 covering the extension fee and the \$770.00 RCE fee is enclosed. Please charge any fee deficiency and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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